again to make the list up-to-date and it was not possible to furnish the answer during that session also. There was thus no delay on the part of Government. The information asked for by the Member is now given in Appendix. (*Appendix I*).

14. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 124 of 16th December 1931, regarding grants-in-aid, will the Government be pleased to place the information they promised on the table and show cause why a similar question with early notice, was not answered in the previous meeting?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 13.

Representation of Labour in the Council.

15. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 126 of 16th December 1931, regarding Representation of Labour in the Council, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The question can be considered only after studying the condition of labour in the State which can be known only after the completion of the economic survey, proposed to be conducted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the answer it is said 'proposed to be conducted'. Is it not already begun?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Since the same aspect of the Inspector of Labour occurs again, may I know whether in future this Inspector of Labour will have anything to do with this labour condition? I think the Government promised that the suggestion will be noted. I don't press the question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government propose to continue the system of 12 hours till they get the report of the economic survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government have not considered that question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Before the economic survey report is received will it be considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Suggestion will be noted.

Statistics regarding poverty.

16. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 151, 16th December 1931, regarding Government's campaign

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against poverty, will the Government be pleased to state the statistics relating to the progress they have made in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have not maintained any statistics in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did they promise any progress in that line when that question was answered?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I don't think the Government made any promise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The answer to question No. 151 section (b) is 'Government will do what is possible'. I want to know what they have been doing in the interval with reference to this promise?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as I know nothing has been done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reason?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That can be ascertained only after the economic survey is over.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why was not that answer given at that time?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—At that time there was no such definite proposal to conduct an economic survey. The appointment is itself one of the actions in pursuance of that promise.

Shallow-waters—Kadakkarai.

17. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 176, 17th December 1931, regarding inconveniences to the travelling public on account of shallow waters at Kadakkarai, will the Government be pleased to state the results of their enquiry and what they have done thereon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of dredging was further investigated and in view of the prohibitive cost involved the proposal has been dropped for the present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the cost, Sir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The cost is estimated at Rs. 36,000.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know when the Government hope to find funds for the same, since they have admitted that it is a necessary work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that steam boats and motor boats get stranded at Kadakkarai?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have submitted a report to the Government in that connection. The channel cannot exactly be described as impassable. It cannot be used dur-

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